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SUBJECT: FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

REF: STATE 200845

1. AS AUTHORIZED, WE PROVIDED GIST OF REFTEL TO FRANCOIS PLAISANT, QUAI ACTING DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE, ON AUGUST 9, WITH CAUTION MENTIONED IN PARA 9 OF REFTEL. PLAISANT PREFACED HIS REACTIONS BY STATING THAT THEY WOULD PERFORCE BE PRELIMINARY. HE NOTED NEVERTHELESS THAT THE IDEA OF A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ON THE FRINGES OF THE BONN SUMMIT, AND THAT THEREFORE HE HAD REFLECTED ON IT TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.

2. PLAISANT SAID THAT, AS WE KNEW, FRENCH HAD ALWAYS
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BEEN RESERVED ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN CYPRUS. HE REASONED THAT THE FIVE POWERS HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO TAKE A ROLE IN THE MATTER, AND THAT AN INITIATIVE RISKED RECEIVING MORE CRITICISM THAN CREDIT. HE ALSO ASKED WHAT KIND OF CONCRETE INITIATIVE WE HAD IN MIND, AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE.

3. WITH REGARD TO STATES PARTICIPATING IN A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE, PLAISANT WONDERED WHETHER THE RATIONALE FOR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNSC. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS THE ONLY BASIS ON WHICH TO "LEGITIMIZE" AN INITIATIVE BY THESE FIVE PARTICULAR COUNTRIES. IF THIS WAS TO BE THE RATIONALE, PLAISANT ASKED WHAT WE VISUALIZED HAPPENING IF FOLLOW-UP TO THE INITIATIVE WAS PROLONGED BEYOND 1978. WOULD THE FRG AND CANADA BE REPLACED BY THEIR SUCCESSORS IN THE SC? PLAISANT THOUGHT RATIONALE AND "LEGITIMACY" OF FIVE-POWER INTEREST WOULD BE WEAKENED IF INITIAL PARTICIPATION WAS MAINTAINED WHEN SC MEMBERSHIP CHANGED. WE SAID WE WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT.

4. PLAISANT SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND PROVIDE US WITH MORE OFFICIAL RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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